Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for November 24:

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- Monte Cristo Snowmobile Parking Passes Available
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MONTE CRISTO SNOWMOBILE PARKING PASSES AVAILABLE

Willard - Season parking passes for the Monte Cristo Snowmobile Trailhead are available for \$50.

To purchase by mail, please send a cashier's check or money order to Willard Bay State Park at 900 West 650 North, Willard, UT 84340. To purchase by phone with a credit card, please call (435) 734-9494. Passes may also be purchased at Willard Bay State Park and at the trailhead when grooming begins.

Funds derived from pass sales are used for maintenance of facilities and the trailhead parking lot.

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HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AT WILLARD BAY

Willard - Willard Bay State Park hosts Fantasy at the Bay, a drive-through holiday light display November 24 through December 31. Display hours are 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. nightly and admission is \$7 per vehicle. Utah State Parks Annual Passes are not valid during light display hours.

The Cottonwood Campground is filled with animation, lighted trees, roadway lights and displays. Visitors may drive through the display or ride on a horse-drawn hay wagon at no additional cost. A concession service offers cocoa, hamburgers, chili, scones, s'mores and other items around a large campfire. To reach Willard Bay State Park, take Exit 357 off I-15.

For more information, please call Fantasy at the Bay at (435) 734-9294 or (435) 237-9506 or Willard Bay State Park at (435) 734-9494.

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

December 8 Frontier Homestead State Park Museum – Cedar City Children's Story Time: Preschool children learn about the past through stories and history-related activities from 12:30 to 1 p.m. (435) 586-9290

December 12 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse Legends by Firelight: Join us from 6 to 8 p.m. by the fire for an evening of oral tradition and learn how jackrabbit got his large ears, why coyote is so tricky and other American Indian myths and legends. Bring marshmallows and sticks if desired. (801) 773-2941.

December 16 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum – Vernal Paleontology Lab Tour: Join Curator Heather Finlayson at 7 p.m. for a behind the scenes tour of the museum's paleontology laboratory and enjoy an opportunity to view areas of the museum not normally open to the public. Tour includes how to prepare fossils, and a demonstration of the tools and techniques for cleaning and conserving fossils. Participation is limited, so registration is required. (435) 789-3799

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